



**RICK SCOTT**  
GOVERNOR

**OFFICIAL FLORIDA STATE BARBECUE CHAMPIONSHIPS**

**WHEREAS**, multiple cities throughout the Sunshine State host annual barbecue competitions, sanctioned by the Florida Barbecue Association, the Kansas City Barbecue Society, and other nationally recognized governing bodies; and

**WHEREAS**, barbecue competitions provide a large economic impact to local communities and a great boost to tourism for the entire state; and

**WHEREAS**, Florida barbecue has earned high marks in international culinary circles; and

**WHEREAS**, a designated state championship event generally draws a larger field of competitors, provides a positive economic impact, and raises awareness of barbecue throughout our communities and our state; and


**WHEREAS**, by declaring these events as state championships, the winners will have the opportunity to compete in national championship events, including the American Royal, the Jack Daniel's Invitational, and the National BBQ Cup, which makes each barbecue competition a major Florida event; and

**WHEREAS**, a Governor's proclamation is required by national championship events for the contest winners to be eligible to have the opportunity to receive an invitation to compete;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Rick Scott, Governor of the State of Florida, do hereby extend greetings and best wishes to all participating in state championship barbecue contests sanctioned by the Florida Barbecue Association, the Kansas City Barbecue Society, and other nationally recognized governing bodies as *Official Florida State Barbecue Championships* in the state of Florida.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Florida to be affixed at Tallahassee, the Capital, this 7<sup>th</sup> day of November, in the year two thousand fourteen.



  
Governor